WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of the formula I:

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5 wherein:

R1 is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) C₁₋₆alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with halogen, hydroxyl or phenyl,
- 10 (3) -O-C₁₋₆alkyl, or
 - (4) halogen;

R² is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) C₁₋₆alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with halogen, hydroxyl or phenyl,
- 15 (2) C3-7cycloalkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with halogen, hydroxyl or phenyl,
 - (3) phenyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from:
 - (a) -C1-6alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with
- 20 (i) halogen,
 - (ii) phenyl,
 - (iii) -NR10R11,
 - (b) -O-C₁-6alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-6 fluoro,
 - (c) halogen,
- 25 (d) hydroxy,
 - (e) -SCF₃,
 - (f) -SCHF₂,
 - (g) -SCH3,

> (h) -CO₂R⁹, wherein R⁹ is independently selected from: (i)

- hydrogen,
- -C₁-6alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-6 fluoro, (ii)
- (iii) benzyl, and
- (iv) phenyl,
- -CN. (i)
- -NR10R11 (j) wherein R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from:
 - (i) hydrogen,
 - -C₁₋₆alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with hydroxy, 1-6 (ii) fluoro or -NR12R13, where R12 and R13 are independently selected from hydrogen and -C1-6alkyl,
 - -C5-6cycloalkyl, (iii)
 - -pyrrolidinyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with (iv) NR10aR11a
 - (v) benzyl, and
 - (vi) phenyl,
- -CONR10R11, and (k)
- **(l)** -NO2, and
- heterocycle, wherein heterocycle is selected from: (4) benzoimidazolyl, benzimidazolonyl, benzofuranyl, benzofurazanyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzotriazolyl, benzothiophenyl, benzoxazolyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, cinnolinyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, indolazinyl, indazolyl, isobenzofuranyl, isoindolyl, isoquinolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, naphthpyridinyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, oxazoline, isoxazoline, oxetanyl, pyranyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyridazinyl, pyridopyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, pyrrolyl, quinazolinyl, quinolyl, quinoxalinyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrazolyl, tetrazolopyridyl, thiadiazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, triazolyl, azetidinyl, 1,4-dioxanyl, hexahydroazepinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyridin-2-onyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, dihydrobenzoimidazolyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, dihydrobenzothiophenyl, dihydrobenzoxazolyl, dihydrofuranyl, dihydroimidazolyl, dihydroindolyl, dihydroisooxazolyl, dihydroisothiazolyl,

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dihydrooxadiazolyl, dihydrooxazolyl, dihydropyrazinyl, dihydropyrazolyl,

dihydropyridinyl, dihydropyrimidinyl, dihydropyrrolyl, dihydroquinolinyl, dihydrotetrazolyl, dihydrothiadiazolyl, dihydrothiazolyl, dihydrothianyl, dihydrothiazolyl, dihydrothiazolyl, dihydrothianyl, methylenedioxybenzoyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, and tetrahydrothienyl, and N-oxides thereof, which is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from:

- (a) -C₁₋₆alkyl,
 - (b) -O-C₁-6alkyl,
 - (c) halogen,
 - (d) hydroxy,
- 10 (e) phenyl,
 - (f) trifluoromethyl,
 - (g) -OCF3,
 - (h) -SCF₃,
 - (i) -SCHF₂,
 - (j) -SCH₃,
 - (k) $-CO_2R^9$,
 - (l) -NR10R11, and
 - (m) -CONR¹⁰R¹¹;
- 20 R³ is C₁₋₆alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with halogen;

R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen, and
- (2) C_{1-6} alkyl,
- or R4 and R5 may be joined together to form a cyclohexyl or cyclopentyl ring;

with the proviso that if R^1 , R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen and R^3 is unsubstituted $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, R^2 is other than 2-methoxy-phenyl;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and individual diastereomers thereof.

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2. The compound of Claim 1 of the formula Ia:

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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof.

3. The compound of Claim 2 of the formula Ic:

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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof.

4. The compound of Claim 1 of the formula Ib:

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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof.

5. The compound of Claim 4 of the formula Id:

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and individual enantiomers and diastereomers thereof.

6. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R¹ is hydrogen.

7. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R¹ is fluoro.

15 8. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R² is phenyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from:

- (a) -C1-6alkyl,
- (b) halogen,
- (c) hydroxy,
- 20 (d) trifluoromethyl,
 - (e) -OCF3,
 - (f) -OCHF2,
 - (g) -SCF3,
 - (h) -SCHF2, and

25 (i) -NH₂.

- 9. The compound of Claim 8 wherein \mathbb{R}^2 is phenyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from:
 - (a) halogen,

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- (b) trifluoromethyl, and
- (c) -OCF3.
- The compound of Claim 9 wherein R² is phenyl, which is unsubstituted or
 substituted with halogen.
 - 11. The compound of Claim 1 whereinwherein R² is pyridyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more halogen.
- 10 12. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R³ is C₁₋₆alkyl.
 - 13. The compound of Claim 12 wherein R³ is -(CH₂)₂CH₃.
 - 14. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R⁴ is hydrogen and R⁵ is hydrogen.
 - 15. The compound of Claim 1 wherein \mathbb{R}^4 is C_{1-3} alkyl and \mathbb{R}^5 is hydrogen.
 - 16. The compound of Claim 15 wherein R⁴ is -CH₃ and R⁵ is hydrogen.
- 20 17. A compound which is selected from the group consisting of:

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

18. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises an inert carrier and a compound of Claim 1.

- 19. A method for inhibiting the glycine transporter GlyT1 in a mammal in need thereof which comprises the administration of an effective amount of the compound of Claim 1.
- 20. A method for the manufacture of a medicament for inhibiting the glycine transporter GlyT1 in a mammal in need thereof comprising combining the compound of Claim 1 with a pharmaceutical carrier or diluent.
 - 21. A method for treating a neurological and psychiatric disorders associated with glycinergic or glutamatergic neurotransmission dysfunction in a mammalian patient in need thereof which comprises administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
 - 22. A method for treating schizophrenia in a mammalian patient in need thereof which comprises administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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23. A method for treating anxiety in a mammalian patient in need thereof which comprises administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

- 24. A method for treating a cognitive disorder or dementia in a mammalian patient in need thereof which comprises administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- 25. A method for treating bipolar disorders in a mammalian patient in need thereof which comprises administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

26. A method for treating depression in a mammalian patient in need thereof which comprises administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.